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SUBJ: POLITBURO DECISION TO INCREASE COAL PRODUCTION

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: POLAND'S AMBITIOUS PLANS TO INCREASE COAL
PRODUCTION WERE RECENTLY RECONFIRMED BY A PZPR POLITBURO STATE-
MENT ON PRODUCTION TARGETS THROUGH THE YEAR 2000. THE INCREASED
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OUTPUT WILL PARTIALLY COVER POLAND'S RISING ENERGY REQUIREMENTS.
IT WILL ALSO BE EXPORTED FOR HARD CURRENCY. END SUMMARY.

2. AN ARTICLE IN THE AUGUST 22 TRYBUNA LUDU STATES THAT THE PZPR
POLITBURO HAS REAFFIRMED A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM TO INCREASE COAL
PRODUCTION TO AT LEAST 207.5 MILLION TONS IN 1980.
PRIDUCTION OF 192 MILLION TONS IS PLANNED IN 1978, SO THE

INCREASES REQUIRED TO REACH THE PLANNED GOAL WOULD BE MORE THAN 7.5 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY.

3. THE POLITBURO STATEMENT COVERED PLANS TO INCREASE COAL PRODCUTION TO 240 MILLION TONS IN 1985, 260 MILLION TONS IN 1990, AND 300 MILLION TONS IN 2000.

4. MOST OF THE INCREASED PRODUCTION WILL BE SUUPPLIED BY INTENSIFIED MINING OF EXISTING DEPOSTIS IN UPPER SILESIA AND RYBNICKA. PRODUCTION AT THE NEW BOGDANSKA MINE IN THE LUBELSKIE COAL FIELD WILL BEGIN IN 1981.

5. THE REASON GIVEN FOR THE PROGRAM ARE INCREASED DOMESTIC ENERGY DEMAND DUE TO RAPID ECONOMIC GROWTH AND THE IMPROVED WORLD MARKET SITUATION FOR COAL. THE ARTICLE NOTES THAT COAL EXPORTS ACCOUNT FOR 15 PERCENT OF THE VALUE OF ALL POLISH EXPORTS. MORE THAN 20 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL EXTRACTED IS EXPORTED, ABOUT 39-40 MILLION TONS ANNUALLY. POLAND IS SAID TO OCCUPY SECOND PLACE IN THE WORLD, BEHIND THE UNITED STATES, IN COAL EXPORTS. FINALLY, COAL EXPORTS ARE CALLED "FUNDAMENTAL" FOR POLAND'S IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT, RAW MATERIALS, AND TECHNOLOGY NEEDED FOR DEVELOPMENT.

6. GREAT INCREASES IN COAL PRODUCTION ARE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH ONLY A MINIMAL GROWTH IN MINING EMPLOYMENT DUE TO INCREASED LABOR PRODCUTIVITY. AN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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88 PERCENT INCREASE IN OUTPUT IN THE PAST SEVEN YEARS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED WITH A 12 PERCENT INCREASE IN EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF INCREASED MECHANIZATION AND AUTOMATION. DOMESTIC POLISH PRODUCTION SUPPLIES 90 PERCENT OF THE COAL INDUSTRIES' EQUIPMENT NEEDS.

7. THE PRODUCTION OF LIGNITE COAL WILL ALSO INCREASE. PRESENT PRODUCTION IS ABOUT 40 MILLION TONS PER YEAR, AND WILL INCREASE TO 100 MILLION TONS IN 1980 AND 200 MILLION TONS IN 1990. LIGNITE SUPPLIES 7.5 PERCENT OF POLISH ENERGY NEEDS NOW AND IS EXPECTED TO SUPPLY 13.7 PERCENT IN 1990. THIS FUEL IS USED PRIMARILY FOR THE GENERAATION OF ELECTRICITY.

8. COMMENT: THESE IMPRESSIVE PLANS FOR INCREASED COAL PRODUCTION CAN BE READ AS A RENEWED GOP EFFORT TO MAKE THE MAXIMUM POSSIBLE USE OF POLAND' ONE SIGNIFICANT ENERGY RESOURCE TO MEET RISING ENERGY REQUIREMENTS AND OFFSET THE POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL COST OF INCREASED OIL IMPORTS. UNFORTUNATELY, THE EXTENT TO WHICH COAL CAN BE USED A A SUBSTITUTE FOR OIL SEEMS TO BELIMITED. THE SUCCESS OF A SECOND OBJECTIVE -- MORE HARD CURRENCY EARNING --

WILL DEPEND TO SOME EXTENT ON HOW MUCH
POLISH COAL THE USSR REQUIRES EACH YEAR. AT PRESENT
THE SOVIETS TAKE ABOUT ONE-THIRD OF ALL POLISH COAL
EXPORTS. END COMMENT. BROWN

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